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AGRICULTURAL CENSUS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to undertake a latest agricultural census in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be completed; and
- (c) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereunder and the benefits likely to accrue to the farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Agricultural Census is conducted at an interval of five years to collect data on operational holdings in the country. The reference period for next Agricultural Census is July 2015- June 2016.

The Agricultural Census is implemented in three Phases. During Phase-I and Phase-II, data on various characteristics such as number, area, land use, tenancy status, cropping pattern, irrigation status, dispersal of operated area etc. of various categories of operational holdings is collected. Phase-III of the Agricultural Census 2015-16, referred as Input Survey 2016-17, relates to collection of data on various inputs used by different categories of operational holdings. Reference period of the Input Survey is July 2016- June 2017.

Generally, it takes 5-6 years to complete the Agricultural Census in the country.

(c): The projected outlay for Agricultural Census for the Twelfth Five Year Plan period (2012-2017) is Rs. 137.68 Crores which includes allocation for the current as well as the next Agriculture Census 2015-16. The next Agriculture Census will continue during the Thirteenth Five Year Plan also as it is likely to be completed in 5-6 years.

Agricultural Census is not a beneficiary oriented scheme. However it is aimed to provide information on the structure and characteristics of operational holdings in the country. The information is utilized for planning, research and policy making purposes.